

Dean Amick Continues To Serve Pa.DHIA

DAVID BIGELOW
Training Coordinator

Dean began his career with DHIA as a supervisor in Lancaster County more than 40 years ago building an outstanding circuit of 90 herds over a 16-year period.

In 1970, Dean transferred to State College to work for Pennsylvania DHIA to manage the newly opened Central Milk Testing Laboratory, one of the first centralized and electronically equipped DHIA laboratories in the world.

While managing the lab, Dean had the opportunity to serve as the first president of the North American Lab Association and served on the Advisory Committee for five years.

Also included in Dean's past laboratory experiences are managing and overseeing the first laboratory to test for the protein component and being among the first to test somatic cell count in 1976. In 1980 he was instrumental in facilitating the first fully computerized laboratory.

After almost 20 years of excellent service in that capacity and after earning recognition as the foremost DHIA lab manager in North America, Dean transferred to the newly formed department of support services where he successfully developed many new functions, including a sample transportation system that was less expensive than the previous system. He went on to set-up and coordinate 92 truck stops throughout the state which consisted of five truck routes.



In 1991 to present, Dean has served as director of Field Operations. These job duties include being responsible for all field operations. He oversees and is responsible for the activities of 160 employees.

The service area of Pa. DHIA includes Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, New Jersey and Missouri. This market share consists of 260,000 cows.

A typical day for Dean includes returning and answering phone calls from dairymen, receiving and making phone calls to Pa. DHIA technicians, attending staff meetings, attending county and

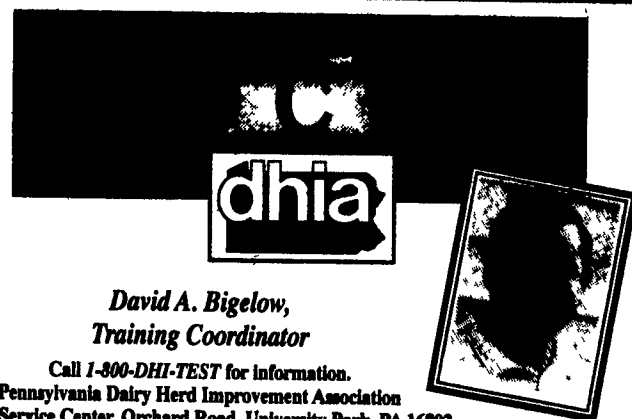
regional member and technician meetings.

Through the years Dean has seen several changes take place in the DHIA system. Having the opportunity to play a part in it all has given him a special inner satisfaction.

Dean is an avid softball fan. Having played softball most of his life, he is currently district commissioner for a nine-county area responsible for 600 softball teams. He also had the opportunity to serve as administrative assistant for the men's fastpitch team at the 1987 Pan American Games.

In the local area he has served

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as president of the local softball association for 23 years. He also oversees several youth tournaments each year.

Dean and his wife Shirley reside in Boalsburg. They have two grown children, Julene and Dean Jr., and have one grandchild, David who is 12.

The staff at Pa. DHIA would like to thank Dean for his long term commitment to Pa. DHIA. The great wealth of knowledge and experience that Dean gives to his job benefits Pa. DHIA in a big way.

operations for DHIA record sheets or to develop livestock feed cost data, here's last week's average costs of various ingredients as compiled from regional reports across the state of Pennsylvania. Remember these are averages so you will need to adjust your figures up or down according to your location and the quality of your crop.

Corn, No. 2y - 3.07 bu. 5.49 cwt.
Wheat, No. 2 - 3.97 bu. 6.63 cwt.

Barley, No. 3 - 1.74 bu. 3.71 cwt.

Oats, No. 2 - 1.53 bu. 4.77 cwt.
Soybeans, No. 1 - 5.98 bu. 9.98 cwt.

Ear Corn 63.18 ton 3.16 cwt.
Alfalfa Hay - 100.00 ton 5.00 cwt.

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